



OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In the Matter of

COMMUNITY HEALTH PLANS
OF WASHINGTON,

No. D-2000-90
Stipulation and Order
Levying a Fine

A Health Care Services Contractor

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. Community Health Plans of Washington ("CHP") is a health care services contractor registered to do business in the State of Washington.
2. On May 10, 2000, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner sent a written request for information about CHP's Healthy Options referral practices, which is a request related to the business of insurance, to CHP.
3. A response was due to the OIC within 15 business days of receipt of the letter by CHP, pursuant to WAC 284-30-650.
4. As of September 5, 2000, CHP has not sent a written response to the letter sent by the OIC.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. Community Health Plans of Washington violated WAC 284-30-650 by failing to respond in writing to a request for information from the OIC within 15 business days.
2. RCW 48.05.185 authorizes the Commissioner to impose a fine for violation of the regulation referenced above.

STIPULATION TO ORDER:

Community Health Plans of Washington hereby admits to the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The Company stipulates to entry of this Order, and agrees to pay the OIC within thirty days of the entry of this Consent Order. Pursuant to RCW 48.05.185 and RCW 48.44.166, failure to pay the fine within the allotted time shall constitute grounds for revocation of CHP's certificate of registration, and for the recovery of the fine in a civil action brought on behalf of the Insurance Commissioner by the Attorney General of the State of Washington.

By its signature and stipulation to this Order, CHP acknowledges its duty to comply fully with the applicable laws of the state of Washington.

EXECUTED this 2nd day of October, 2000.

By: Ralph Z. Hill

Title: Director of Development & Risk Management

COMMUNITY HEALTH PLANS OF WASHINGTON

ORDER ON STIPULATION

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to RCW 48.05.185 and RCW 48.44.166, the Insurance Commissioner hereby imposes a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) upon Community Health Plans of Washington. The fine shall be paid by the Company within 30 days of the date of Entry of this Order. Failure to pay this fine within the allotted time shall constitute grounds for the revocation of the Company's Certificate of Registration and for the recovery of the fine in a civil action brought on behalf of the Insurance Commissioner by the Attorney General of the State of Washington.

ENTERED at Olympia, Washington this 5th day of October, 2000.

DEBORAH SENN
Insurance Commissioner

By Meg L. Jones

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Legal Affairs